VIESSION OF JANE TOPPIN. THE POISONING AT ESF.

se thes a List of Her Vietims to Her counsel - Knew She Was Doing Wrong but Felt No Remorse Sometimes She Tried to Save Her Patients After

BARNSTABLE, Mass., June 24.-Not since e days of Lucretia Borgia and other abtle poisoners of the Middle Ages has here been one known to equal Jane Toppan, he was locked up to-day in the Taunton sane Asylum for poisoning Mrs. Mary Gibbs at Cataumet last August. er own confession this nurse has killed arry-one sick persons who have been ansier her care in the last ten years. Some he murdered with morphine and atropinae and others with poisons which she cannot emember. When not gratifying her assion by killing people she set fire to the wes where she was a guest or was emeved in a professional capacity.

Miss Toppan told the alienist that she new she was too dangerous a woman to e at liberty and was glad that the aurities had placed her where she could t gratify her desire for killing and burn-She said the mania which caused her take life had been growing on her ever nce she was a child, but that she reached remanhood before she killed any one.

When Judge Bixby, Miss Toppan's senior unsel, first visited her she told him her rendful story without eliminating any f the revolting details and named the hirty-one persons whom she had killed. she seemed to gloat over her success in ding from the physicians the true cause death and then wanted to know of the awyer how she could be insane when she thew she was doing wrong every time she kill d any one. Judge Bixby and he medical experts are inclined to doubt Miss Toppan's story of the number she as killed, but it is doubtful if they can ver find evidence either to disprove or to obstantiate it

Miss Toppan began her confession to dge Bixby by admitting that she had somed Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Gordon and tid n P. Davis, just as the three indictents found against her charged. Doses f morphine and atropine were used, she

Then she told how Mrs. Davis had called non her at Cambridge last June to collect note. She said that she was seized with passion to kill, a recurrence of the oftepeated influence. In this state she gave norphine to Mrs. Davis. The old woman partly recovered, but before she was well nough to leave for her home at Cataumet Miss Toppan was incited to try again, and his time death followed the injection of luted morphine and atropine.

First she spoke of recent cases, those f whose deaths Judge Bixby had read in he newspapers. Mrs. O. A. Brigham, daughter of Mrs. Toppan, the woman who ad taken her from an insane asylum; Miss Florence N. Calkins, the housekeeper; Mrs. Edna H. Bannister, sister of Brigham, Miss Myra Connors of the Episopal Theological School at Cambridge. the woman who had given her employ ment at the institution's hospital and who had given her a summer's outing at the marine biological station at Wood's Hole; Mrs. McNear of Watertown, who had befriended Miss Toppan in many ways. She spoke of the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Israel P. Dunham at Cambridge, the husand in 1895 and the wife in 1897. Her ounsel had read an interview with the

picious circumstances, no evidence of he death-that is, nobody thought so. But I poisoned them both."

hysician who had attended these people.

and mentioned the names of the others

whose lives she had taken. There were thirty-one in all," she said.

and then she repeated the names, counting them on her fingers to be sure that she ad not omitted one from the list. Miss Toppan said she had heard of no question w any doctor that she had not carried out is instructions to the best of her ability that she had not shown professional othusiasm and faithfulness. The same octors, she said, had engaged her in subsenent cases.

How did you kill them?" she was asked. I gave them doses of morphine and opine tablets in mineral water and setimes in a dilution of whiskey," she eplied. "Then I also used injections, st as I did at Cataumet.

I do not remember how I killed them but those that I recall were poisoned y atropine and morphine. My memory not very good. I forget some things. used morphine and atropine because liose are vegetable poisons and can hardly e detected even before death. After leath it is difficult, you know, to fin d

The lawyer said: "Miss Toppan, you

Insane?" she replied. "How can I be sane? When I killed those people I new that I was doing wrong. I was | perfectly conscious that what I was doing vas not right. I never at any time failed realize what I was doing. Now how an a person be insane who realizes what fact that she is not doing right? Insanity bility, isn't it?

"Yes," said the lawyer, "that is so. But have no remorse, have you?" "No." declared the nurse. "I have abso-

utely no remorse. I have never felt sorry or what I have done. Even when I poisoned learest friends, as the Davises were, I lid not feel any regret afterward. I do ot feel any remorse now. I have thought it of sorrow over what I have done."

There must be something the matter with you, if you have no remorse," said the awyer. 'You cannot be right if you are remorseful, after what you have told

That is so," replied the prisoner. "I ippose that must show that I am insane. re is one other thing that makes me somemes think my mind is not right. I have great difficulty in remembering things. My memory is very good at times, but n other occasions I cannot recall what I

ive said or done." Upon successive visits of her counsel for the diss Toppan added details to the narrative crime. She supplied no additional

At the second visit of the three alienists e admitted having killed eleven persons nd described the extraordinary mental sease that could only be gratified by andling dying persons. She enjoyed herif in the presence of death with most

credible avidity if the application of morphine was a cavy one the sleep of the patientended

was strong the passion would leave her

Then I became normal once more, she said to the experts. "When the parex-ysm had passed I was myself again. I cared no longer for the patient to die. I was satisfied. I realized what I had done. I knew that my patients were dying. Then my greatest thought was to resusictate them. I have worked over them, trying to bring them back to consciousness. have sent for doctors and other nurses and tried my best to save them. Sometimes I have been successful, but many times the poison I had given them was too much. They were beyond recovery and

#### WENT TO GERMANY TO STEAL BOY Grandfather Kidnapped Him From Mother and Brings Illm Here.

The police did not arrest any one yesterday for the abduction of the boy Richard Kruse of Oregon, whose relatives in Brookcomplained at police headquarters last Saturday that he had been kidnapped from his mother in Germany and was being brought here on the steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm. When the steamship arrived at Hoboken yesterday from Bremen the boy, who is 8 years old, was found on board, but he was with his grandfather, D. J. Kruse, who said he had a legal right to the child, and the police believed him.

Mr. Kruse had no hesitation in saying that he had kidnapped the child in Germany, but in evidence of his right to do so he exhibited a power of attorney, signed by the boy's father, Richard Kruse, of Oregon, and witnessed by the Secretary of State of that State giving him the care of the child. This was dated May 19, 1902. According to the story told by the grandfather, the boy's father and mother went ermany last September taking the child them. The Kruses were not on the

of terms and the boy's father, accordto the grandfather, came home, leaving boy and his mother visiting his wife's parents in a place called Oldenburg "When my son returned to this country," said Mr. Kruse, "he believed that his wife would follow in a short time with the boy but he later learned that she wasn't coming at all. After months of argument between the two the boy's father signed this power of attorney and Lagreed to get his boy for of attorney and I agreed to get his boy for him. I left here on June 1 and went to where Mrs. Kruss was living with her people. I said I just happened over there on a visit and never said a word about the boy. A few days later I asked his mother if she would be one take him out to the country.

A few days later I asked his mother if she would let me take him out to the country to spend the day and she said she would. Well, we got on a train for Bremen and off on the steamer that same day."

Mr. Kruse said his on had had good causefor separating from his wife and was legally entitled to the child. The boy who spoke English and German fluently second to be respectly contented with his who spoke English and terman hearily seemed to be perfectly contented with his grandfather. He said his mother had treated him all right, but he was glad he was going back to his father. They took a train immediately for Oregon. Mrs. Jacobs of 107 Cooper street, Brook-lyn, who showed the Brooklyn police last Strucker a telegram she reserved from a

Saturday a telegram she received from a brother of the boy's mother in Oregon, tell-ing her to get a power of attorney and sa-cure him through the police, did not put in an appearance vesterday. The boy's father got word of what she was doing and sent a brother to inform the police of

#### INJURY TO A PARK LIONESS. Keeners Couldn't Learn What Caused Her

Lameness Struggle to Tie Her Up. Rose, the gentlest member of the lion family in the Central Park menagerie, limped yesterday morning and Supt. Smith decided to find what the trouble was. The lion house was cleared of spectators and she was lassoed by Billy Snider, the elephant man. The lioness struggled gamely

The lioness put up a game fight before she was conquered the other lions nearly raising the roof meanwhile with their roars when Supt. Smith and Head Keeper Shannon finally got hold of the second state of t in which the doctor said that both had died from natural causes. There were no sus-"He is wrong," promptly said Miss Top-an. "There was nothing suspicious about the death—that is, nobody thought so. But I poisoned them both."

She went back over the preceding years

When Supt. Smith and Head Keeper
Shannon finally got hold of the sore
paw, they could find no sign of injury and
concluded that she was suffering from a
slight sprain in the left hind leg. In the
animal's struggle, however, she broke off
the ends of one of the nails on her left front
This was triummed with a pair of the sail of the sails on her left front
This was triummed with a pair of the sail of the sa foot. This was trimmed with a pair of nippers and the lioness was released. She calmed down at once and instantly obeyed Keeper Shannon's orders to enter the next

#### SELLING MISS CAYVAN'S THINGS. Personal Belongings of the Actress at Anction Her House Closed Up.

Miss Alice Cayvan, a sister of Georgia Cayvan, the actress, who has looked after her affairs ever since Miss Cayvan became insane, has returned to Boston to live She has leased the house in West 122d street. in which she and Miss Cayvan dwelt. Part of its contents were sold at auction on Monday and the rest of them will be sold next Monday. In the remaining lots are the most interesting sourceirs of the ac-tress's career. Among the many shoes on sale is a pair of Greek sandals that Miss wore as docusta when she acted est years ago with George Riddle lipus." An old-fashioned red wig and a poke bonnet remain from the re-vival of "Old Heads and Young Hearts" in which Miss Cayvan acted at the Lyceum

Miss Alice Cayvan said it had been decided to sell the contents of the house as there was no hope left of her sister's re-

#### KLONDIKE CUSTOMS SCANDAL. Collector at Dawson Suspended for Taking Bribes.

VANCOUVER, B. C. June 21.-D. W. Davis, Collector of Customs at Dawson, having supervision of all imports into the he is doing and who is conscious of the Kiondike, was suspended from office yesterday, and with his assistant, Alexander s complete lack of any feeling of respon- Cook, resigned soon afterward. The action is the result of the most searching Government investigation over conducted in the North. Both men were old employees.

Many companies are implicated, and proceedings may be instituted against their officers on charges of the bribery of officers is said that in all \$50,000 was advanced by the companies in connection with frauds. The penalties attached, if ot feel any remorse now. I have thought | Government presses for complete resti-all over, and I cannot detect the slightest | tution, will amount to many thousands

#### SUIT OVER PELOTA BUILDING. New York Architects Get an Attachment Against Two Havanese.

Sheriff O'Brien has received an attachment for \$9,400 against Pedro Galbis and William W. Lawton of Havana, Cuba, in favor of J. B McElfatrick & Son architects of this city for services under a contract to prepare plans and superintend the erection of a building on Central Park the erection of a building on Central Park West, Sixty-second to Sixty-third, streets for the Spanish game of Pelota. A syndi-cate of men in Havana who were to run the game was represented here by Joseph A del Solar in whose name the title to the property was taken. A lis pendens was filed against the property yesterday on the attachment.

## itisiors Revised by a Would-be Cop.

STAMUORD, Conn., June 24. - Gen. Ballingis in Stamford inspecting the local branch. In an address to the members he said that he expects soon to begin civil suits any one the sleep of the patientended death before the end of her murderous assion came. Sometimes when the patient ton Booth of the Volunteers of America

## 3 STATEN ISLAND FERRIES.

PENNSYLVINGA RAHLROAD IN-TERESTS BACKING PLANS.

Four 18-Mile Tw n-Serew Boats to Run to St. George, Other Boats to the East Shore and a Third Line to the Kills New Contract to Be Ready To-ta:

Plans have been prepared for putting in peration within a year three ferry routes between this city and Staten Island. President Cromwell of Richmond borough. Dock Commissioner Hawkes and representatives of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company came together a few weeks ago and began a series of conferences, the result of which will be the submission o the Sinking Fund Commission to-day for approval of an amended form of franchise which has been agreed upon by the company and Messrs. Cromwell and Hawkes.

It will be virtually a contract to be entered into between the city and the company whereby the company will improve and extend its service in consideration of an enlarged franchise. The company will put into operation not later than July 1, 1903, between the Battery and St. George, four double-ender twin-screw boats having a speed of not less than eighteen miles an hour. The Garrett and the Castleton will be rebuilt and fitted with new machinery and the company has agreed to build two new boats. With these four eighteen-mile-an-hour craft the company will maintain a day and night service on a much shorter running schedule.

The plan provides for establishing a second ferry service to the east shore of Staten Island. The Southfield, Westfield and Middleton will ply between the Battery

Middleton will ply between the Battery and Tompkinsville and Clifton. To acof Whitehall street now used by

of Whitehall street now used by the Com-munipaw Ferry Company will be taken. A new slip for the Communipaw boats will be provided a little further east.

Mr. Hawkes will apply to the Sinking Fund Commission to-day for authority to condemn property along the waterfront of the Kill von Kull for ferry slips. When these slips have been constructed the Com-missioner will let a franchise for a ferry between the west shore of Staten Island the west shore of Staten Island s city. The Staten Island Rapid and this city. Transit Company has not yet determined whether it will seek this privilege, but in the new agreement which the city will make with the company the right is

will make with the company the right is reserved by the municipality to grant a franchise for the operation of a ferry to Port Richmond and other points to the west of St. George as soon as the requisite docking rights have been secured. One of the men who have been instrumental in preparing the new plans said to a Sun reporter yesterday that the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company was now controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, presumably through the latter's controlled by the Pennsylvania Anarcai Company, presumably through the latter's practical control of the Baltimore and Ohio, and that it was because of the new financial resources now behind it that the Rapid Transit company has been able to respond to the suggestions of President Cromwell and Commissioner Hawkes.

## HIS CAPTAIN IN A SALOON.

Policeman Rechill Says He Found Reardon, Who's on Trial, in the Back Room. Police Captain John Reardon was en

trial before Deputy Commissioner Thurston yesterday, charged with altering the records of the Greenpoint avenue police station blotter and with neglect of duty while in command of the Greenpoint precinct

Policeman Reehill testified that on one occasion when Deputy Commissioner Thurston visited the station the witness was sent out to find the captain. On Sergt. Bowes's suggestion he looked for the captain in Adolph Schroeder's saloon and found

on the window and he didn't just know what that meant. He went in the side doo. policeman Schroeder, the saloonkeeper then testi-

sections of the captain into his place as he was making alterations and wanted the captain's advice on the matter.

The captain's physician and one of the police surgeons testified in the captain's

police surgeons testified in the captain's behalf, as did Capt. Edward Gaus, of the Hamburg avenue station. The latter de-clared that Inspector Druhan had com-plimented Capt. Reardon on his good police Roundsmen Dailey and Maley flatly

contradicted the statements of the prose-sition's principal witness, Sergt. Bowes, who had testified that on a certain occasion had seen the captain \*doctor the police

#### TWO HURT BY ELEVATOR FALL. Freundschaft Porters Disregarded Rules Accident in the Dun Building.

Two men were hurt by the falling of a freight elevator at the Freundschaft thib house, Seventy-second street and Park avenue, yesterday afternoon. The elevator was operated from the basement and no one was supposed to ride on it.

Disregarding the rules Fleasear Bonstardt and Rupert Meyer, porters at the club, after loading the elevator at the second floor got on to ride down. The rope snapped and the elevator fell to the bottom Meyer's leg was broken and Bonstardt

processed a fractured skull and a broken arm. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital and may die.

The electrical controller on one of the electrical controller on one of the elevators in the Dun Building, 200 Broadway, got out of gear yesterday afternoon, when the car which was on the way down was at the second floor. The car descended at the normal speed till it reached the bottom of the chart where it bumped against

tom of the shaft, where it bumped against a steel stanchion with sufficient force to break the globe on one of the electric lights. sloorehead, the superintendent of the building, the operator and a young woman were on the car. None of them

#### COLUMBIA'S SUMMER LECTURES. British Educator to Compare Our System With His Country's.

In connection with the work of the Columbia University summer session a series of ten public lectures modelled after the successful course of last year will be given this season on Tuesday and Thursday be delivered by Columbia professors. This lecture, the feature of the course, will be a lecture by Dr. Michael Ernest Sadler, director of special inquiries and reports of the English Board of Education. Dr. Sadler will discuss "Some Points of Contrast in the Educational Situation in England and America." The lectures will be public. be delivered by Columbia professors.

#### U. S. TO SUE FOR A MILLION. Heavy Claim Against Resenthal & Co., Accused of Customs Frauds.

The examination of Abraham S. Rosenthal and Martin L. Cohn of Rosenthal & Co., silk importers at 43 Greene street, who are charged with defrauding the Government of huge sums by means of customs frauds, was begun yesterday before

upon few. In those few he seldem finds United States Commissioner Shields. W. Wickham Smith, special assistant the Attorney-General, said yesterday

## BOOKS AND BOOKWAKING.

Correctly or incorrectly-time will show which the publishers have drawn from this season's book business the inference that the day of the tremendous-selling novel is over. Not again, they say, will the quarter-of-a-million-in-a-veur mark

be reached. Conditions have changed. There is too such fiction that is bidding for a wide popularity on the market for any one book to reach the enormous figures which have astonished the reading public in the nast ten years.

The round hundred thousand will be a good mark to aim at. Few books will attain it, very few surpass it. That one which reaches 150,000 copies will probably tower in lofty eminence.

So figures the book trade, and this is why: In the season just ending there appeared two novels by writers whose former efforts went beyond the 200,000 There was every reason to suppose that with the prestige of former glory the new works would outsell their prede-CESSOES.

One of these novels sold more than 160,-000 copies before the day of publication. The sale went gradually, very gradually, up to 150,000, and is not likely to go far beyond that mark.

The other, more explosively exploited than any other work of the season, has barely gone above the 10,000 mark, and will probably never reach a total of 100,000 cepies sold. With such books as these falling far short of the expected success, and with the increasing numbers of novels which are being violently shoved into popular notice each season, the book experts see little hope of future heavy sales for individual books.

From this it must not be supp and, however, that the book business has not been profitable this season. The lack of tremendously heavy sales has meant the scattering of the same money over many books, and a fair success for an unprecedenied number of publications.

Most of the well-established publishing firm have had an excellent season. Two of the smaller ones which plunged in the ucp: of a phenomenal success are said to be on the verge of bankruptey, and one house with a comparatively strong list of books is in dubious case. These likely to be the only casualties in an otherwise encouraging pring season.

Hail to Webster Davis! The intrepid champion of the Bers turns out to be the champion in another field. Hats off, ye authors! Here's the man of the day in

Mr. Davis has made \$180,000 out of his book on the Boer war and infamies of Great He says so himself. Is there another man in America who has made \$180,000 from a first effort, or a half of that, with the exception, possibly, of one or two novelists?

And this is a serious book, mind you. No languishing heroines, or cavalier heroes, no glamour of romance or soft, sweet murmurings of "Gadzocks!" or " S' death. or other street fakir cries done into old English while you wait to lend it a merericious glitter. No; it is deadly, downright earnest, and

has made \$180,000 for its lucky author! Webster Davis is the author; he ought to know, and he says so himself. That would mean probably 900,000 copies

Yet Mr. Davis's book hasn't been on the list of heavy sellers doubtless an Anglomaniae conspiracy. His picture has seldom delighted the eye in booksellers' windows. Why is this thus? Perhaps the opulent publishers—they must be opulent, having sold nearly a million copies of the Webster Davis book-will tell. Or, perhaps, it's a trade secret. Or perhaps horrid thought!-there's an African that necessarily a South African) among the pickets and Mr. Davis isn't the champion author of the year, after all-only the cham-

pion something else. To the illustrator the present book boom has been a veritable gold mine. Many artists who previously were not illustrators have benefited by it, too, for they have hastened to take up this line of work and get a share of the profits.

There is enough for all the competent nes; more than enough, in fact, for "of the making of books there is no end," as the sage wearily observed, and the public seems to have decreed that most of them

shall be embellished with pictures. There are fads and fashions in illustrating, too; and lucky is the artist on whom the fleeting halo of popularity is set. He brought out in book form. is at the rainbow's end; the pot of gold lies

open to his eager fingers. Perhaps he should not be too harshly blamed if in his haste to garner the rewards of his good fortune his work grows slack and careless. There is more than one of the present little tin gods of illustration whose work needs the palliation of this or some other excuse.

For the most part, however, the men most in demand as illustrators of fiction are those whose work is artistically the best and the most conscientious. And they charge the unhappy publisher a pretty penny. One hundred, \$150, even \$200 a drawing for black-and-whites are not inusual charges, with an occasional \$250price for some specially difficult bit of work And in many cases the axist sells only the right to reproduce; he keeps the original himself

It is said that the illustrator of one of in this season's popular novels received \$300 apiece for his drawings. There were eight of them to the book; \$2,400 for pictures alone, a sum representing more than the profit to either publisher or author of a fairly successful novel.

And even at these prices the popular ilustrators must be secured months in advance. There are at least three of them who, to the writer's knowledge, have book specimen of the modern bachelor woman, orders that will take them a year to fill, strong, self reliant, attractive in personand they are fairly rapid workers, too.

The first man to breast the tape with a book on the Martinique disaster is one Miller. His proud and perspiring pubmore. The frauds were discovered by Inspector McMichael, chief of Canadian effernoons from July 8 to Aug. 7 in the lishers announce that he returned from afternoons from Hall chapel. Six of the lecustoms service.

Schermerhorn Hall chapel. Six of the lecustoms service. market on June 6, less than one month after the eruption.

As the volume is more than 500 pages long and includes many illustrations, it would seem that Mr. Miller is at the head of the literary sprinters. Illustrating, like beauty, is largely in the

eye of the beholder. Philadelphia possesses a particular citizen who wants his illustrat- and it is said that in these new tales the ing so worked out as to conform to his own author forges far ahead even of the high ideas, and intends to have it. He has standard set by the delightful Cloister started out to have his favorite novels stories. illustrated to order. This gentieman, who is fortunately wealthy otherwise he couldn't live up to his ideals takes in all the new works of

that the characters have been adequately realized by the illustrator. Or perhaps the book is without pictures. In any case, the ardent booklover sends for an artist and gives him full directions novelist the British Parliament has numas to illustrating the story. Most of the bered among its members since the days pictures, when completed to his satisfac- of Beaconsticki.

fiction. His discriminating approval fails

tion, would amaze the authors of the stories. However, the owner likes them, and as he

is the one to pay, that is enough. Sometimes he has them reproduced and pastes the reproductions in the book Sometimes he hangs the originals on his walls and when he reaches page 4) and reads on it the marginal note "See ill No. 2." turns to feast his eyes on the proper picture As yet his system is only in its infancy. but it bids fair to result in a library abso-

Is Anthony Hope going to give his admirers another Dolly? Dialogue is to be the principal feature of his book which Harpers promise for next fall, and the rôle is played by a Peggy, a name sufficiently suggestive of Dolly to inspire

"The Intrusions of Peggy" is the title. The scene is in London and Peggy, who is a rather unconventional young person acts as ded ex machina for her friend Mrs. Trevalla, a young widow who becomes involved in various complications. Of course there is also a love story for the vivacious Peggy

It is sad to be obliged to state, by the way, that her last name is Ryle. Pretty names are so inexpensive a luxury in a novel that such a one seems a needless The illustrations will be by William Hurd Lawrence.

A new book by the author of the "Dolly Dialogues" sugg sis the fine distinction made by a New York woman who, when asked what Anthony Hope had written, promptly replied:

The Dolly Dialogues' and 'The Prisoner of Zenda.' All the rest are by a man named The ways of attracting public attention

to a new author are many and wonderful. Edwin Carlile Litsey wrote a fairly readable book in "The Love Story of Abner Stone," but the publisher's account of the young writer is calculated to stir a reader's interest to fever heat.

"His literary taste developed at an early says the chronicler. "When he wanted to write his first article he had no stationery. He killed a cat for an old lady, thereby receiving a dime, with which he purchased writing paper.

After a beginning of nine-fold murder, crime worse than "The Love Story of Abner Stone," might reasonably have been expected from the young Kentuckian.

The approaching celebration of the centenary of Alexandre Dumas is awakening lively interest in everything pertaining to him. "Master Adam, the Calabrian." one of his books never before published in English, is to be brought out by R. F. Fenno & Co. in the autumn. Harry M. Spurr is the translator.

George Meredith says that he has written his last novel, but the thing is "agin natur." Mr. Meredith is hale and sound physically and mentally and has lost no jot of ability or prestige. He is an old man and has worked hard, but though he calls his life work done, it is safe to wager that the temptation to write another novel will be too strong for him.

Alfred Austin has returned to London from his winter home in Florence, bearing his sheaves with him in the form of the inevitable coronation ode William Watson's coronation ode does

not awaken wild enthusiasm, though critics agree that in the matter of length it is remarkable. Chances seem to favor Biss Carman's holding the laurels for corona-He has set a fairly high standard and no dangerous rival appears disposed to pick

up his gauntlet. Englishmen have been waiting for Kipling to speak, but he makes Dimitri Merejkowski, the Russian novelist whose trilogy "The Death of the Gods," "The Resurrection of the Gods" and "Antichrist," has won him international

fame, has written a remarkable study of Tolstoi which is to be published in this country by Putnam's Sons. J M Barrie's new story is called "The Little White Bird; a Story of Kensington

Gardens." The title would be discouraging if any one save Barrie were back of it, but those who have read the manuscript say that it

is in his best vein. A whimsical, soft-hearted, Charles Lamblike old bachelor tells the tale which deals with a young married couple and their London life. The story is to appear serially in Scribner's Magazine before being

Edna Lyall still takes herself very seriously. Her new novel, "The Hinderers,

is a pro-Boer story and a dull one. The author says she is not pro-Boer, but merely opposed to all war. The distinction apparently does not appeal to the English critics, who are generously advertising the novel by abusing it.

Sarah Grand and Robert Buchanan's sister-in-law, Miss Harriet Jay, have collaborated upon a play which is to have an early

The historical novel may be degenerating into a bore, but even in its decadence it can do the public a good turn. For its shekels Hallie Erminie Rives has given up her attempt to float novels by making them sufficiently daring to court criticism. and has written a clean and readable story

"Hearts Courageous." The historical novel has undoubtedly stemmed the tide of erotic novels, and for that, if for nothing else, a long suffering public should rise and call it blessed.

T Edgar Pemberton, London dramatist and novelist, is to write the authorized biography of Bret Harte.

Figabeth G. Jordan, editor of Harper's Recor. is often referred to as a typical ality, well supplied with woman's wit and uncommonly rich in the energy and executive ability that were long ranked among prerogatives exclusively masculine

Miss Jordan came out of the West some years ago and made a reputation as one of the ablest newspaper women in the country. Her first book, "Tales of a City Room," was written while she was employed on a New York daily paper. With "Tales of a Cloister," published last year, she proved that she had made tremendous strides forward in literary technique and deserved serious consideration.

Harper & Bros. will publish ber third book, "Tales of Destiny," in a few weeks,

T. W. Crosland has written to the London Academy and Literature explaining that he has "come to the conclusion that it would be a pity to set two nations by the ears just at coronation time," and so has deferred the publication of his book, "The Unspeak-

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